

NOTICE

ORAL RABIES VACCINATION PROJECT

The United States Department of Agriculture – Wildlife Services, the Alabama Department of Public Health, the Jefferson County Department of Health, and the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries will be distributing a vaccine in your area that orally vaccinates wild raccoons against rabies. A vaccine packet is placed inside a fishmeal block, which is very tasty to raccoons. The baits will be dropped from low-flying airplanes or placed in areas by workers on the ground starting

October 3, 2007



An aircraft similar to this one may be seen dropping baits.

The project should take 1-2 weeks to complete, weather-permitting.

What if I find a vaccine bait?

Baits should be left alone. Intact baits should be moved only if they are found where children and pets play. Damaged or leaking baits should be bagged and disposed of in the trash, but only when wearing gloves.

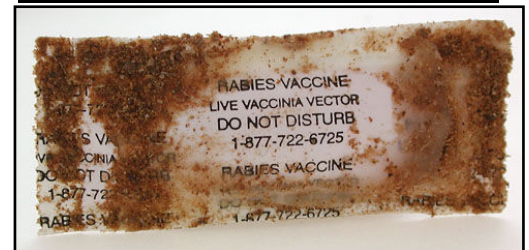
REMEMBER:

- Wear gloves or use a plastic bag when picking up a bait.
- If an intact bait needs to be moved, toss bait into a fencerow, woodlot, ditch or other raccoon habitat areas.
- Wash your hands after any contact with a bait.



What if my pet eats a bait?

- A few baits are not harmful, although eating a lot may cause vomiting or diarrhea.
- Do not risk getting bitten by taking bait away from your pet.
- Confine your pet for a couple of days.



Baits come in two forms. One form, above, is the size of large ice cubes and is labeled. The second form, below, looks like a ketchup packet covered in brown meal and is also labeled.

Questions about the Oral Rabies Vaccination Project or bait you have found?

Call the Alabama Department of Public Health at 1-800-677-0939 or Wildlife Services at 1-866-487-3297.